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REF: OECD PARIS 12179

FOR RONALD WEBB, USDEL IMCO COUNCIL

THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF DRAFT DECISION, AS AMENDED, PASSED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE BY CONSENSUS MAY 8, 1974:

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1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO CONVENE AN AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP AS ENVISAGED IN ITS RESOLUTION 1742 (LIV) CONSISTING OF 48 MEMBERS, FOLLOWING THE PATTERN OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY GROUP ON A CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT;

2. RECOMMENDS THAT THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP (I) SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

(A) TO ASSESS THE WORK DONE BY ISO ON FREIGHT CONTAINERS;

(B) TO ASSESS THE WORK DONE BY ISO ON PALLETS, PACKAGING, HANDLING EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT IN SO FAR AS

THEY RELATE TO FREIGHT CONTAINER, INCLUDING ASPECTS CONCERNING INTERRELATED DIMENSIONS OF CONTAINERS;

(C) TO ASSESS THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN BY GOVERNMENTS TO THE WORK OF ISO ON FREIGHT CONTAINERS, INTER ALIA, THROUGH NATIONAL STANDARDS BODIES;

(D) TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF STANDARDIZATION IN THE FIELD OF CONTAINER TRANSPORT ON THE ECONOMY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(E) TO RECOMMEND, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED ON SUBPARAGRAPH (D) ABOVE, THE FUTURE ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN THIS FIELD, WITH A VIEW TO CONSIDER INTER ALIA THE PRACTICABILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF EVENTUALLY DRAWING UP AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON CONTAINER STANDARDS; AND

(F) TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTIETH SESSION;

(II) SHOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AGENDA:

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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3. REPORT OF ISO ON ITS WORK ON FREIGHT CONTAINERS

4. REPORT OF ISO ON ITS WORK ON PALLETS, PACKAGING, HANDLING EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT IN SO FAR AS THEY RELATE TO FREIGHT CONTAINERS

5. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD WITH A SUMMARY OF VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS IN THE WORK OF ISO ON

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FREIGHT CONTAINERS

6. CONSIDERATION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE WORK ACHIEVED WITHIN UNCTAD IN RELATION TO INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORT, THE REPORTS OF ISO AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD AS WELL AS AN ANALYTICAL STUDY TO BE PRESENTED BY HIM AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION OF:

(A) THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF STANDARDIZATION IN THE FIELD OF CONTAINER TRANSPORT ON THE ECONOMY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(B) THE PRACTICABILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF EVENTUALLY DRAFTING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON CONTAINER STANDARDS, IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED ON SUBPARAGRAPH (A) ABOVE; AND

(C) OTHER POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN THE OVER-ALL FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION CONCERNING MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT OF GOODS, WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC AREAS WHICH MAY REQUIRE PARTICULAR ATTENTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL IN THE FORTHCOMING YEARS;

3. RECOMMENDS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO INVITE ESA, THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL BODIES AND OTHER INTERESTED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IN PARTICULAR IMCO AND ICAO, TO COOPERATE FULLY IN THE PREPARATION AND IN THE WORK WITH THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP.

FYI. THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN THE ECOSOC PLENARY BY CONSENSUS ON MAY 16, 1974. RUSH

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